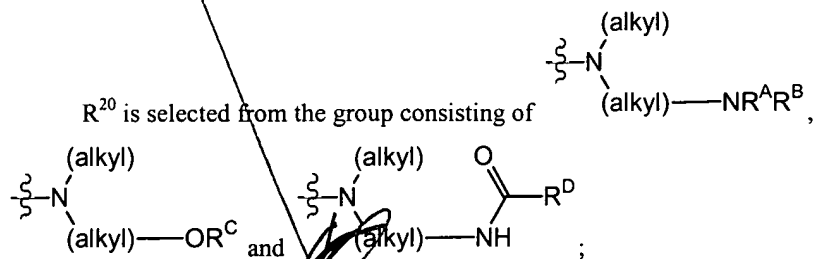


wherein



wherein  $R^A$  and  $R^B$  are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, halogenated alkyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl-alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxy, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl and dehydroabietyl; wherein the aryl cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl portion of any of the groups is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, halogenated alkyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, aralkylamino, amido, alkylamido, dialkylamido, arylamido, aralkylamido, azo, nitro, cyano, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylthio, arylthio, alkylsulfonylN(H), or alkylsulfonylN(alkyl);

alternatively  $R^A$  and  $R^B$  are taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bound to form a compound selected from the group heteroaryl and heterocycloalkyl; wherein the heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, halogenated alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, azo, nitro or cyano;

$R^C$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, aralkylcarbonyl, ( $\pm$ )-N-benzoyl-aminoalkylcarbonyl or [3aS-(3 $\alpha$ ,4 $\beta$ ,6 $\alpha$ )]-hexahydro-2-oxo-1H-thieno[3,4-d]imidazole-alkylcarbonyl;

$R^D$  is selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, ( $\pm$ )-N-benzoyl-aminoalkyl, [3aS-(3 $\alpha$ ,4 $\beta$ ,6 $\alpha$ )]-hexahydro-2-oxo-1H-thieno[3,4-d]imidazole-alkyl or biphenyl; wherein the alkyl or aryl portion of the alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, azo, nitro, cyano, or trifluoromethyl);

$R^{21}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl and aralkylcarbonyl, wherein the aryl portion is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, halogenated alkyl or nitro;

p is an integer selected from 0 to 3;

q is an integer selected from 0 to 3;

$R^{22}$  and  $R^{23}$  are each independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, nitro, cyano, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy, aryloxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl and dialkylaminocarbonyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-66 are pending in the instant application.

By the above amendment, pages 5 and 10 of the specification and Claim 40 have been amended to correct a typographical error in the structure of the compounds of formula (I). More specifically, the structure for compounds of formula (I) has been amended to replace the third ring from the left, a phenyl ring, with a pyrimidine ring. Support for the amendment in the synthesis Schemes beginning at page 15 of the Specification and in the Examples, for example see Examples